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Whittier First UMC

Good News for All...through learning, action, and love

IN-PERSON & ONLINE Worship every Sunday @ 10am

 Whittier First United Methodist Church

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How do you define success? How do you define greatness? The world in Jesus' day defined greatness in very stark terms. It meant power, domination, triumph. Greatness was easy to recognize. Just look up. Things have not changed that much from Jesus' day to ours. You probably won't be surprised to hear that Jesus describes greatness much differently. On Sunday we are continuing our sermon series "Amazing Grace." And this week, we are learning about how God's grace turned the world upside down. Join us as we discover that, in the kingdom of God, "First is Last."
-Pastor Jon

July 16 Amazing Grace, Part I:
"Let It Go" *Matthew 18:23-35*

July 23 Amazing Grace, Part II:
"Grace Isn't Fair" *Matthew 20:1-16*

July 30 Amazing Grace, Part III:
"First is Last" *Mark 9:30-37*

August 6 Amazing Grace, Part IV:
"Speak Up" *Matthew 20:29-34*

Join us for In-person or Online Worship:
Sunday, July 30, 2023 @ 10AM

THIS WEEK AT WHITTIER FIRST UMC

Sat, 07.29.23

9 am **Church Council Meeting**
Board Room & Zoom

Sun, 07.30.23

8:45 am **M & M Challengers**
Kraft Friendship Room

10 am **Traditional Worship**
Sanctuary/Online

10:20 am **Children's Sunday School**
Library

11:30 am **BELONG**
Sanctuary

Thurs, 08.03.23

7 pm **Trustee Meeting**
Board Room

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person:

Sunday, July 23, 2023: **47**

Online:

Sunday, July 16, 2023: **86**

PRAYER CONCERNS or CELEBRATIONS

Please submit prayers to the office at info@WhittierFirstUMC.com so our Whittier First UMC family can pray for you. They are shared every Sunday morning during worship service. Please mark confidential if you would like to keep prayers within the clergy team.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8th **Lorena Alvarez**
Charles Bennett
Pastor Angela
Sue Turco

10th **Aida Neumann**

11th **Jesse Cena**

15th **Williametta Spencer**

18th **Franny Padgett**

21st **Anmarie Nastasi**
Betty Spelman

22nd **Elinor McNay**

26th **Tricia Kelly**
Fay Sanders

If you would like to be included on the birthday list, please let the church office know about your special day.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

Students of all ages, grades and levels are invited to bring your backpack, laptop, lunch box, etc...to worship service to start the new school year with special prayers.

Starting in September— JOIN the CHANCEL CHOIR

Warm up those vocal chords and join the choir on Thursday evenings. The choir will learn music for upcoming services and you could now be a part of that celebration by adding your voice in praise of God. Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room, right next to the Sanctuary. Contact Marvin Neumann with questions at 626.798.9332.

Call for 2023 School Supplies for Sherman Indian High School

The Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) of the California-Pacific Conference is collecting school supplies for Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California. Sherman Indian High School, formerly Sherman Indian Institute, was established in Perris, CA, 1892, as a U.S. Boarding School. Now in Riverside, CA, Sherman IHS is one of four residential schools for native American students still operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), now under the division of Indian Education.

The school has a limited budget, and the students most often come from great distance, making it difficult to arrive with much more than basic clothing. The school staff has reached out and let CONAM know of the usual needs for students coming on campus in August, 2023. In 2022, over 20 California-Pacific Conference churches provided school supplies, back packs, comforters, snacks, and incentive gift cards.

The following are items being collected:

School supplies, such as

- college ruled notebook paper
- college ruled composition books/notebooks
- #2 pencils
- colored pencils
- 3-ring binders / notebooks
- (other school or art supplies also welcome – **must be new**)

Student personal supplies, such as

- back packs
- large beach towels
- XL Twin comforters
- (personal hygiene items also welcome – **must be new**)

Snacks

Many students find the BIA's federal food program limiting, especially those participating in sports, and other extra curricular activities. Many have provided cheese & crackers, peanut butter & crackers, peanut butter, ramen, and other shelf-stable snack items.

Teacher Requests for small denomination gift cards to places like McDonald's, Target, Wal-Mart, Domino's, Little Caesars, Chic-fil-A, etc. Preferred amounts are \$5 or \$10. These are provided as incentive cards. Some generous church members have provided larger denomination cards which are held for class or group functions.

Many, many thanks to all who have helped make these students feel welcome and more at home. As one student asked last year when receiving a back pack filled with supplies, a beach towel, and snacks: "Who is doing this? Who cares about us?" Lorene Sisquoc, Sherman IHS staff & coordinator of this program, shared: "The United Methodist Church did this!"

Please bring items to church on Sunday or to the church office Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4 pm, before August 7th.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 12:30-3:30 PM
FREE ADMISSION!

Family Peace Day Festival

SHARING AND CARING FOR WATER

Snacks-Crafts-Games-Stories
Special Guest: Touch Tank from
Aquarium of the Pacific!



Brought to you by First Friends Church Peace Camp
13205 Philadelphia St. Whittier, CA 90601
friendspeacecamp@gmail.com

Saturday, August 12
9:00 - Noon

Drive through or Drop by

La Mirada Methodist Church
15700 Rosecrans Ave.
umclamirada.org

Music & Refreshments

For the Interfaith Food Center
Serving families in need in La Mirada,
Whittier, and Santa Fe Springs
interfaithfoodcenter.org

